

ACEC/WSDOT Project Delivery Team

Change Recommendation Form

Team Leaders	Ken Smith & Duncan Findlay	May 3, 2005	Change Request Number 5
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Current Process: *Description of the current process*

Currently 100% of limited access breaks on the Interstate require FHWA approval. FHWA asks for a minimum 30 day review for each access break requested.

Improvement Opportunity: *Major causes for current process performance*

This request streamlines the current access break request process as it requests to delegate approval authority to WSDOT for activities that do not affect the safety and operational efficiency of the interstate mainline or ramps.

Recommendation: *Solution for addressing the improvement opportunity*

Below are suggestions of areas where FHWA should be encouraged to delegate approval authority to WSDOT, specifically relating to limited access.

Access Breaks:

- ✓ All permanent “locked gates” that do not allow access to the interstate mainline or ramps.
- ✓ Pedestrian structures that go over, under or through the limited access.
- ✓ Pedestrian trails that go through the limited access, onto WSDOT right-of-way, at grade.

The above access breaks do not affect the safety and operational efficiency of the interstate, as they would not access the interstate mainline or ramps.

For each project, there would be an average of three weeks in process savings from not having to submit the request to FHWA for their review and approval.

Benefits: *Why proposed change will result in improved performance*

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Stakeholder Identification:

FHWA

Responsibility for Implementation: *Who will implement the recommendation?*

HQ Design and FHWA.

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Time Constraints for Implementation: *When will the recommendation be implemented?*

As soon as processes for the approval delegation will allow.

Details for Implementation: *How will the recommendation be implemented?*

Attached research indicates that Washington Division FHWA may be the granting authority.



Approved



Pending



Rejected

Comments:

Signed: _____ *Date:* 5/5/05
Don K. Nelson and/or Brad Stein

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The ACEC/WSDOT Project Delivery Team has developed the attached recommendation. You have been identified as a stakeholder for this process or program. Your comments are a valuable part of this improvement opportunity.

Please return your comments to: _____

By: _____

Stakeholder Comments:

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What is your opinion of this change request proposal?

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ Good Idea
- ☐ Needs Work
- ☐ Bad Idea
- ☐ No Impact

Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____